

# The Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society

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Dear Member,

I draw your attention to forthcoming events and other matters.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 10th February, 1968, commencing at 6 p.m., when I trust you will find it convenient to attend. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 1967 is enclosed.

## ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE.

The Society's Annual Dinner/Dance will be held on the evening of Monday, 12th February, in the Station Hotel, Perth, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets, price £2:5/-d. will be available shortly and Members are requested to make early application in order that the Hotel can be advised of the likely numbers to be in attendance. The success of this event rests on your support and it is hoped that as many Members and their guests as possible will attend.

Kindly note that tickets should be produced as arrangements have been made for their collection at the Dinner.

## HERDSMEN'S SOCIAL.

This function will be held in York House, York Place, Perth, on Monday evening, 12th February, 1968, commencing at 7.30 p.m. There has been a slight falling off in attendance in recent years and the fullest support of all Herdsmen is solicited.

Tickets, price 15/-d. each are available from this office on application and this year Mr. George Anderson, Jr., of Kair, Fordoun, Laurencekirk, has very kindly consented to show a film of his visit to the Argentine.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Your Annual Subscription, which this year has been increased from £1 to £2:2/-d. is now due and if it has not already been sent, I shall be pleased to receive your remittance at your earliest convenience. Where Subscriptions are due for more than one year, this has been indicated on the enclosed form. The day to day working of the Society depends on prompt payment of Subscriptions.

I would earnestly request all Members, who do not already do so, to arrange for their annual payments to be made by Banker's Order, which method saves considerably expense to the Society. In this connection, I enclose herewith a Form for your completion and return to this office.

## "BEEF SHORTHORN RECORD".

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those Members who reserved advertising space in the recent November issue of the "Record". Advertising accounts are enclosed herewith.

You will observe from perusal of the Revenue Account that the new style "Record" resulted in a saving over the 1966 issue of £400. In order to still further reduce costs, I would ask those Members who have not advertised in previous issues to give serious consideration to doing so in the next issue. Distribution of the "Record" amounts to over 3,000 copies both at home and overseas and is an excellent medium of advertising your Herd.

## FEBRUARY SHOW AND SALE, 1968.

Although it is not yet definite that the Show and Sale will be held on the scheduled date, it is suggested that Members putting forward animals should carry on with Veterinary Tests.

## MARCH SHOW AND SALE, 1968.

The closing date for entries for the March Show and Sale is 19th February.

Breeders/







Breeders are reminded that their bulls at Oatridge Farm Performance Test, will be going forward to the March Sale.

BEEF SHORTHORN PERFORMANCE TEST AT OATRIDGE FARM, 1968/69.

Entries are now required for the next Performance Test at Oatridge Farm and provisional details are as follows:-

Type of bull: The bulls should be born in the period 1st February to 31st May, 1967. Fifteen entries, plus reserves, will be selected from this period with as narrow an age range as possible. The bulls must be licensed before the start of the Test.

Duration: The Test will start in the spring of 1968 and finish in time for the 1969 Bull Sales.

Management: The bulls will spend the summer at grass and supplementary feed will also be given. Arrangements will be made to see that the bulls receive their fair share of this feed. In the autumn the bulls will be brought indoors to be penned and fed individually through the winter.

Cost: Breeders will be charged £65 per bull to cover feed and bedding costs incurred.

Health Requirements: To safeguard the bulls and to ensure optimum performance, certain tests will be required as a condition of entry, e.g. Brucellosis and Tuberculosis.

Insurance: The bulls will be insured during the Test by the B.R.A. at figures to be agreed by the Management Committee.

As an alternative it might be possible to arrange the Test for bulls born between 1st August and 31st October, 1967. If this is the case the bulls should weigh at least 400 lb. at the start of the Test in the following spring. Whichever is the case it is suggested that certain minimum pre-test adjusted weights are used; thus with the breed average 200 day weight being 475 lb. no bulls below 375 lb. at 200 days would be accepted. In the case of the older bulls, a similar adjustment would be made according to the breed average, e.g. breed average at 400 days is 915 lb., no bull below 815 lb. would be accepted.

Your Directors earnestly request Breeders to support this Test and a form is enclosed for your use and return to this office, should you decide to put forward a bull or bulls.

OPEN DAY.

It has been decided to hold an Open Day at Oatridge Farm, Broxburn, on WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m. to give Members an opportunity to inspect the bulls undergoing the 1967/68 Performance Test, prior to their going forward to the Perth March, 1968 Show

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

The date of the Annual General Meeting, Annual Dinner/Dance, Herdsmen's Social and Open Day is consequent on the February Show and Sale being held as scheduled on 12th and 13th February, 1968. If there is any change, Members will be advised immediately.

WORLD BEEF SHORTHORN CONGRESS.

It had been hoped to hold a Congress on 9th February, 1968, but which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease. Delegates from the Argentine, Canada, South Africa and the U.S.A. had agreed to attend. An exchange of views among Breeders all over the World would be of inestimable value and it is now hoped to hold the Congress in 1969.

ACCESSORIES.

An addition to the range of accessories is a silk square, manufactured in pure silk and available in three different colours. Samples of these squares can be seen in this office and cost £3:15/-d. each.

Yours sincerely,

T.M.O. LANG,

Secretary.



